

HOSPITAL AND TRAINING-SCHOOL ITEMS



HOSPITALS

AT St. Vincent's Hospital, New York, a new wing that cost \$700,000 was recently dedicated by Archbishop Farley. The building is a seven-story fireproof structure and embodies all the latest ideas in hospital equipment. In addition to accommodations for a hundred patients it contains a new operating room, said to be the finest in this city, X-ray and sterilizing rooms and a community room for the sisters.

One floor, known as Adrian Iselin Hall, was built and equipped by the Iselin family at a cost of \$35,000. The cost of erection was defrayed by the late Adrian Iselin, and two wards, the Louise Marie and St. Therese's, were furnished by Miss Louise Marie and Miss Therese Iselin. Another floor, St. Mary's Hall, was furnished by Mrs. Daniel O'Day.

The operating room was furnished by Dr. Frederick S. Dennis, and the X-ray room by John D. Crimmins. The sterilizing room was furnished by Mrs. M. Irene O'Donohue, and Dr. Brooks H. Wells gave the machine for sterilizing basins.

Other numerous and large donations were made by individuals and societies. At the dedicatory ceremonies, which were most interesting in character, Dr. Frederick S. Dennis, president of the medical board of the hospital, said that St. Vincent's was the first hospital in New York to be supported entirely by voluntary subscriptions. He stated that the hospital was opened in 1849 with thirty beds, and treated during the first year sixty-six patients. Now it has 425 beds and treated last year 22,695 patients, including those in the outpatient department. St. Vincent's Hospital has a training school for nurses and was one of the most effective supporters of the bill for the registration of nurses under the regents.

THE New Saint Luke's Hospital, at Utica, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick T. Proctor, was handed over to the board of trustees, October 18, 1905, fully paid for, and completely furnished and equipped with modern medical and surgical appliances.

Dr. Willis E. Ford, Medical Director of the hospital, in writing a description of it says: "This is the largest single gift by any one family in central New York that we recall. The building is made of steel, hollow brick and tiles, and is fire-proof throughout. It has some features that are unusual, among which are two landscape windows out of the principal ward, overlooking the Mohawk valley. There is also a large solarium at the top of the house reached by an elevator. There are also two handsome operating rooms, so arranged that accident cases can be cared for without disturbing the patients who are in the house; also a smoking room, and two large parlors. These make it one of the most attractive, as well as substantial, of modern hospitals. It has a capacity of seventy-five beds, and cost about a quarter of a million.

"The ground was purchased and the entire expense was borne by the donors, the building was made under their personal supervision, and furnished in the most luxurious manner. On St. Luke's day the building was dedicated by the Bishop of Central New York and the clergy of this region, with appropriate religious services. In the evening the graduating exercises of the nurses were held, with the usual ceremonies. In making the transfer of this splendid gift the deed was turned over to the Board of Trustees of St. Luke's Hospital, who have managed the old building successfully in the past, with no conditions attached to the gift. When sufficiently endowed this institution ought to be an ideal charity."

THE Toronto Home for Incurables is taking the title of the Toronto Hospital for Incurable Diseases and is starting a training school for nurses. During the year 168 patients were cared for. One cannot but wonder what kind of training nurses will get in a hospital for incurables and regret that the management does not see the propriety of employing graduate permanent nurses.

A PRIVATE ROOM in the Presbyterian Hospital, New York City, has been endowed by Mrs. Morris K. Jesup, in memory of her mother, to be known as the "Eliza de Witt Memorial Room" for graduate nurses.

The first right of nomination for those requiring the use of this room is to be made by Mrs. Jesup during her life, after which this duty will fall entirely to the superintendent of the training school.

TRAINING SCHOOL NOTES

MISS GILMOUR's thirtieth annual report of the New York City Training School, read at the graduating exercises held on November 4, contains many interesting facts. Pupil nurses do not nurse male patients in the venereal wards in this school, but a force of graduate male nurses and orderlies do the work of this department. During the third year a course of lectures on philanthropic subjects is given in connection with the School of Philanthropy of New York City. The nurses carrying off the highest prizes this year were: Senior term—Miss Whyte, 95 1/3 per cent. Intermediate term—Miss Lowe, 90 4/7 per cent. Junior term—Miss Roberts, 85 23/35 per cent. These nurses have earned the medals of their respective classes given by Mrs. Cadwalader Jones.

During the year there were 450 applicants, with very few exceptions all eligible. Forty-seven were admitted for the probationary course of training; thirty-eight were accepted: one resigned; three were dropped for illness, one for failure to pass examination; two were dismissed for cause; one was reappointed after sickness to finish her course, and a class of forty-one received their diplomas. One death occurred in the school during the year, Miss Jennie Blauvelt, who contracted cerebro-spinal meningitis at the Harlem Hospital and died after an illness of three days. There are now seven hundred and twenty-four graduates of this school. Of these a large number are engaged in private duty. They have a very progressive Alumnae Association of two hundred and sixty members; one hundred and forty-nine have become registered nurses; one hundred are in positions of responsibility in various parts of the world; over one hundred have shown their mettle in the army in Cuba, the Philippines, and South Africa; one has just returned broken down in health from exhaustive labors in the mission fields of western Africa. The remainder who are in active duty, are nearly all private nurses. Over two hundred are happily married and enjoying homes of their own, while fifty have passed over at the call of the Great Physician.